

Preventive Measures for Leprosy

*Q.—644. SRI M. BASAVARAJU (Krishnarajanagar).—

Will the Minister for Health and Housing be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that leprosy belts in the State coincide with sericulture belts, Mulberry and silk rearing area and the Silkworm rearing industry has a bearing on the spread of leprosy ;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to examine whether leprosy is an industrial disease connected with the sericultural industry ;

(c) if so, the preventive and curative measures, undertaken or proposed to be taken by Government ;

(d) the curative and preventive measures undertaken by the private agencies for fighting leprosy ;

(e) if the question or problem has not already been examined will the Government be pleased to examine the same at an early date ?

A.—SRI K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Health and Housing).—

(a) No.

(b) The matter has been examined and it is found that leprosy is not an industrial or occupational disease.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b). However Government is undertaking the preventive and curative measures against leprosy.

(d) Voluntary agencies also are undertaking the preventive and curative measures.

(e) Does not arise in view of replies to clauses (b) and (c).

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಸವರಾಜು.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ “ ಸ್ವಯಂಪ್ರೇರಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಕೂಡ ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಹಾರಕ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುವೆ.” ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂಥ ಸ್ವಯಂಪ್ರೇರಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲೆ ? ಏನು ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಕೊಂಡಿವೆ ?

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ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಸವರಾಜು.—ಹಾಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ನಿವಾರಣಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಯಾವುದು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ, ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ, ಔಷಧಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri P. F. D'MELLOW.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House whether these preventive measures do or do not include segregation of cases of leprosy during their infection period ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—They are being advised to segregate.

SRI A. R. PANCHAGAVI.—Is Government aware that some of the private agencies that are undertaking preventive and curative treatments are not getting medical supplies and also grants in time?

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—Such complaints I have not received.

SRI N. A. CHANNE GOWDA.—May I know whether there is any decline in the incidence of disease after preventive and curative measures are undertaken?

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—That I am not able to say.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is any survey made in the entire State to know where this disease is to be found?

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—As far as the information I have, it is prevalent in areas like Belgaum, Dharwar, Bijapur, Gulburga, Raichur, Bidar, Bellary, South Kanara, Kolar, Mysore and Tumkur. These are the pockets.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it not found in areas of Chitradurga District also?

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—There may be such cases, but this is the information I am having.

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—In view of the fact that this disease is prevalent in many of the districts, will the Government provide facilities in Headquarter hospitals in taluks to take care of these leprosy cases?

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—Treatment of leprosy in early stages is not a difficult problem at all. I will bear your suggestion in mind.

Starting of XI Standard

*Q.—108. **SRI N. CHIKKEGOWDA (Hoskote).**—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(a) whether representations from the management of Kadugudi High School, managed by the Taluk Development Board and Hosakote Municipal High School, Hosakote Taluk or from the public requesting permission to start XI Standard (P.U.C.) in the above High Schools have been received;

(b) if so, the action taken by them to start XI Standard from 1967-68 in the said Schools?

A.—**SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).**—

(a) Representation has been received only from the Municipal High School, Hosakote.

(b) The applications will be considered during 1967.68 and sanction given according to rules.